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MAJOR GENERAL DAVID R. SMITH APPOINTED TO RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD

Secretary of Defense William Perry has announced the designation of Major General David R. Smith as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. He is the commander, 10th Air Force, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas.

The 22-member Reserve Forces Policy Board was created by Congress in 1952. Acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, the board serves as the principle policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on reserve component matters. Members include the assistant secretary responsible for reserve affairs from each of the military departments, and active and reserve component general and flag officers representing all Services, including the Coast Guard.

In 1964, General Smith graduated from Franklin & Marshall College with a bachelor's degree in business. He was commissioned in 1965 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and received his pilot wings at Craig Air Force Base, Alabama. In 1977, he completed the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. General Smith has served in many command positions.

The general flew 100 missions over North Vietnam. He is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours in the RF-4C, T-37B, A-10, F-4D and F-16A/B. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

General Smith is married to the former Carol Eizonas of Youngstown, Ohio. They have three children, Ross, Aaron and Julie.

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